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Letter No. St. R. 8, dated 12th August 1953 from the Inspector General of Prisons forwarding the report on the working of the Jails and Lock-ups in the State for the Calendar Year 1952.

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Dr. V. Lakshmana Rao Padke, Senior Surgeon, was the *Ex-officio* Inspector General of Prisons from January to 15th September 1952 and he was succeeded by Dr. B. R. Ramalinga Reddy, who continued till the end of the year.

During the year under report the two Jails at Bangalore and Mysore, 7 District Lock-ups at the District Headquarters, 2 Special Lock-ups at K. G. F. and Davangere and 20 Taluk Lock-ups were functioning.

At the beginning of the year there were 1,591 prisoners of all classes in the Jails and Lock-ups of the State, 15,206 were newly admitted, 15,062 were discharged from all classes and 2,053 remained at the end of the year. Thus the daily average number of all classes of prisoners was 1,757·43 as against 1,454·25 in the previous year.

The total expenditure in the Jails during the year under report was Rs. 3,88,406-9-0 against Rs. 3,62,420-12-6 in the previous year and Rs. 2,37,572-12-5 in the Lock-ups against Rs. 2,09,855-6-0 in the previous year. The average cost per head for the maintenance of prisoners was Rs. 352-10-6 against Rs. 393-9-6 in the previous year, the decrease was due to the fact that the establishment and other recurring expenditure continued to be the same although the prison population had considerably increased.

The total value of the articles manufactured during the year under report in the manufacturies of both the Jails at Bangalore and Mysore was Rs. 41,339-15-10 against Rs. 40,323-13-10 for the previous year. The total net cash earnings of convicts sentenced to labour in the Central Jail was Rs. 14,485-5-8 and in the Jail at Mysore it was Rs. 613-5-1 and the average earnings per head in the Central Jail, Bangalore, was Rs. 24-12-2 and in the Mysore Jail it was Rs. 4-1-6.

The total amount of outstanding bills due to the two Jails was Rs. 1,65,435-15-8 as on the 1st January 1952 and it rose to Rs. 1,70,989-8-3 as on the 31st December 1952. The Inspector General of Prisons is requested to take suitable action to arrange for the early adjustment of the outstanding bills due to the jails and to discontinue credit sales.

The Ministers of Religion of the jails at Bangalore and Mysore continued to visit the respective Jails regularly once a week to impart religious and moral instructions to the Prisoners. Good number of literate prisoners of the Central Jail, Bangalore borrowed books on religious and moral subjects from the Library maintained in that Jail, to read them during their leisure hours. The two schools (Kannada and Urdu) continued to work in the Central Jail, Bangalore, when the curriculum prescribed by the Department of Public Instruction for the Primary Schools was followed.

The Minister for Law and Labour visited the Central Jail on more than two occasions and several improvements were effected on his suggestions. The Inspector General of Prisons besides visiting the Central Jail, Bangalore visited the Mysore Jail also on several occasions. The Deputy Minister for Food and Agriculture to the Central Government visited the Mysore Jail on 22nd August 1952 and minuted in the Visitors Book appreciating the working of that Jail. The

non-official visitors appointed to the Central Jail, Bangalore, visited that Jail several times and prompt action was taken, wherever possible, on the suggestions made by them. In the Mysore Jail none of the non-official visitors visited that Jail to offer their suggestions for the improvement of the conditions of prisoners. The newly appointed non-official visitors to the Jails will have to take a keen interest in visiting the jails frequently and offer their valuable suggestions to improve the conditions of the life of the prisoners. The Inspector General of Prisons is requested to instruct the officers in charge of the jails and lock-ups to enlist the co-operation of the non-official visitors, by drawing their attention to the rules in the Mysore Jail and Lock-up Manuals.

The health, discipline and conduct of the prisoners during the year were satisfactory. There is improvement in the discipline of the staff and the general state of work and efficiency were satisfactory. The officers and the members of the staff had to discharge heavy work on account of a large number of admissions and releases of prisoners and transfer of prisoners from this State to their States of origin under the reciprocal arrangement entered into between the various States, at the instance of theGovernment of India. The working of the Jails and Lock-ups on the whole during the year was satisfactory.

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